



## HALF MILLION MEN TO STRIKE

### COURIERES MINERS RISE AS IF FROM THE GRAVE

#### 14 Entombed Men Reappear After 20 Days.

#### MEN ALMOST STARVED

#### Miners Subsist on Hay and Morsels of Food For Three Weeks.

#### CROWDS BESIEGE MINE

#### Imprisoned Men Relate Tale of Horrible Suffering and Deprivation—Other Miners Said to be Alive and About to be Rescued.

LENS, France, March 30.—Fourteen of the 1200 miners who were entombed in the coal mines at Courieres twenty days ago were taken from the mine alive and well today. They had lived on hay found in one of the underground stables and the morsels of food which they took into the mine with them nearly three weeks ago. All attempts to rescue the entombed men had been abandoned more than two weeks ago.

Startling Apparition.  
The sudden appearance of the imprisoned men caused stupefaction. A gang of salvagers had just completed their night's work, when they were startled to see a group of miners, terribly haggard and exhausted and with eyes sunken, appear from a remote part of pit No. 2. The strongest of the party said they had broken out of a distant gallery, where they had been entombed since the disaster of March 10. The rescued men were taken up the elevator but were unable to see owing to the dazzling daylight.

#### Men Talk Feebly.

The mine officials were deeply affected as the weeping survivors were taken to a hospital. The men were able to talk feebly, but audibly. They all asked for news of relatives and friends, and wished to go home immediately. The doctors, however, prevented them with difficulty from so doing.

Later crowds besieged the mines in the hopes of further escapes, necessitating the employment of a strong police force and detachments of troops to maintain order.

#### TRAIN IS DITCHED.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 30.—While an east-bound Nickel Plate passenger train No. 2 was approaching the town of South Whitley this afternoon, the smoker, day coach, and five sleeping cars left the track and turned over in the ditch, injuring twenty-three persons and one fatally.

#### MERIWETHER GOES OUT.

ANNAPOLIS, March 30.—Naval Academy authorities were notified today by Secretary Bonaparte that the resignation of Midshipman Minor Meriwether Jr., of Louisiana was accepted. Meriwether left the Academy this afternoon.

### HOUSE PASSES \$30,000,000 APPROPRIATION MEASURE

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The house today passed the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying thirty million dollars, after considering the measure for two weeks. The feature of today's proceedings was the elimination of the age limit of clerk's, a provision which created much discussion and which incited the fight against the bill. The bill as passed carries nearly \$700,000 less than the last appropriation bill for similar purposes.

#### DEBATE ON OFFER.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—A letter from Governor Gooding of Idaho inviting the committee to investigate conditions there was read. A motion to allow President Mitchell to name such committee, together with President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, brought on a prolonged debate. President Mitchell said he had asked President Gompers for his views, but had received no reply. The matter on motion was referred to the international executive board to take such action as may be agreed upon with the American Federation of Labor.

#### BELKNAP GETS ONE YEAR.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 30.—William Belknap was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary Wednesday by Superior Judge A. E. Rice for the crime of seduction, of which he was convicted two months ago. Belknap is a member of one of the most prominent families on the lower Columbia river. Learning that his victim was about to bring an action against him, he fled to Oregon, where he was later apprehended at Prineville.

#### HARVARD WINS DEBATE.

NEW HAVEN, March 30.—The annual Yale-Harvard debate tonight was won by Harvard, which upheld the affirmative of the question: "That it would be for the interests of New York City to open its street railway system."

### COURSE QUESTIONED

#### Roosevelt's Action Dismissing Commission Investigated.

#### GENERAL DAVIS ON STAND

#### Former Governor of Panama Canal Zone Called to Give Testimony, But Objects, as it Would be Criticizing the President.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The course of the President dismissing members of the Walker Canal Commission was inquired into by Senator Morgan today when General George W. Davis, former Governor of the Canal Zone was on the stand. Senator Hopkins objected on the grounds that an officer in the army should not be put in a position criticizing superior officers.

"It would be the height of impropriety," said General Davis, "to express approval or disapproval of the President who is my superior officer."

Senator Morgan said he would not press the question. He commended the witness for the course he had taken, but criticized Senator Hopkins for his efforts to prevent an inquiry into an affair which might in any way reflect on the administration.

General Davis expressed the opinion that the United States is expected to be robbed in adjusting titles to land in the canal zone, and that the cost will be many millions of dollars. The cost to this government would be much greater, he thought, if the minority plans for the canal were adopted.

#### FORTY INDEPENDENTS SIGN SCALE.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—It was stated tonight by a representative of the coal interests of Western Pennsylvania that at 5 o'clock this afternoon notices were posted at forty independent mines in the Irwin district, of Western Pennsylvania, that the 1903 scale would be paid. These mines, it is said, employed 12,000 men with an annual output of 9,000,000 tons. It is also stated that F. L. Robbins, representing the Pittsburg Coal Company would in all probability post similar notices, and make an effort to sign the scale for the mines belonging to his company and those belonging to himself, either tomorrow or Monday.

### WOULD ABOLISH TAX PUT IN TRUNK ALIVE

#### Chicago Real Estate Board Urges the Abolition of the Personal Property Tax at Once.

#### Inquest Over McVicar's Body Shows that Deceased Was Poisoned, Then Jammed Into Trunk.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Speakers at the forty-ninth annual banquet of the Chicago Real Estate Board last night urged the abolition of personal property tax. The discussion was led by Frederick, for eight years president of the St. Louis board of assessors and each speaker in turn set forth the evils of the system all concluding that it should be abandoned as soon as some other scheme for raising revenue can be substituted.

STOCKTON, March 30.—The inquest today over the body of A. N. McVicar developed the fact that the deceased was put into the trunk alive and death was due partly to the poisons administered and partly to asphyxiation. The physicians believe McVicar was in a stupor when put into the trunk. Chloral hydrate and morphine poisons were used. The verdict of the jury expresses the belief that Mrs. Emma Le Doux is responsible, and that she was unaided.

#### THOMPSON FIXES PARKER.

SPOKANE, March 30.—Maurice Thompson, of Butte, knocked out Kid Parker of Denver in the sixteenth round before the Spokane Athletic Club tonight.

#### MEDICAL SETTLEMENT.

CHICAGO, March 30.—A medical settlement in one of the most congested districts of the West Side is the latest venture in Chicago philanthropy. The new institution will be built under the auspices of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute.

#### HEROIC DEED.

#### Policeman Saves Child From Being Struck by Train.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Policeman John Keane last night risked his life to save Frances Moore, 9 years old, from being crushed to death under the wheels of a special train, on the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. The little girl was standing in the middle of the tracks when a special train was backed down on the main track toward her. The little girl's back was turned and there was no warning whistle from the train.

### GOMPERS REFUSES

#### President of Labor Federation Declines Gooding's Invitation.

#### WILL NOT INVESTIGATE CASE

#### American Federation of Labor President Turns Down Offer of Idaho to Investigate Charges Against the Federation Officials.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor declined the invitation extended to him and to President Mitchell of the United Mineworkers of America by Governor Gooding, of Idaho, to appoint a committee to meet at Pocatello, Idaho, on April 12th to investigate the conditions growing out of the charges of conspiracy between the state officials and the mine owners to punish innocent men for the assassination of Governor Steunenberg. Governor Gooding referred to the confessions of Orchard and Adams, President Gompers tonight telegraphed Governor Gooding as follows:

"Surely, if Orchard and Adams cannot give the details of the confession what benefit can result from Mr. Mitchell's and my hearing of their general statement. In any event such statements would only be ex-parte without cross-examination and without being confronted with the accused men. The justification for suspicion lies in their unlawful extradition and brutal kidnaping from their homes and states."

#### UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 30.—Thirteen in an unlucky number for Simon Brooks, who thirteen days from today is to be hanged at the state penitentiary at Walla Walla for murder. April 13 is the date set for his execution, Friday, and there is no possibility of a stay of proceedings. His cell number is the fatal "13," and his legal death will be just 13 years to a day from the date he left his eastern home to come west. Even his last journey will be linked with the "13," for there are that number of steps to the platform of the gallows from which he will be hanged.

#### STRUCK BY FLYING ROOT.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 30.—Perry McGowan, a young hook tender in Armstrong's camp on the South Willapa, was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured, Wednesday. The log hook caught in a big root while the engine was in motion, the root was pulled away and struck McGowan with terrible force, breaking four ribs and puncturing his lungs. He was taken at once to the hospital, and is hovering between life and death, with small chance of recovery.

#### AIDING STARVING JAPS

#### Christian Herald Raises Large Amount of Money to Help Famine Sufferers in Japan.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Christian Herald today sent another check for \$25,000 to the state department through the Red Cross for transmittal to Japan for the relief of the famine sufferers. This makes a total remittance from this source of \$125,000.

#### BOYCOTT DYING OUT

#### Dispatch From Orient States That Chinese Boycott is Fast Becoming Thing of the Past.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The Bulletin says it has direct information from the trade ports and centers in China to the effect that the boycott against American goods shipped from the United States is rapidly dying out with a prospect for an early resumption of business.

### MONDAY WILL SEE COAL MINERS NEARLY ALL IDLE

#### Only Those Mines Where Operators Agree to Give 1903 Wage Scale Will Be Worked—Pittsburg District May Adjust Differences Shortly.

#### STRIKE WILL PROBABLY BE OF SHORT DURATION

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION OF MINE WORKERS ADJOURNS YESTERDAY AFTER AUTHORIZING NATIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICERS TO SIGN 1903 WAGE AGREEMENT WITH ANY COAL OPERATOR WHO IS WILLING.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—The National Convention of United Mine Workers of America adjourned sine die today after authorizing the national and district officers to sign the wage agreement with any of the coal operators who would agree to pay the scale of 1903 or its equivalent for a period of two years. This is an advance of 5.55 per cent in wages in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania and all other districts except the Southwestern composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Indian Territory, where an advance of three cents per ton is demanded, as the 1903 scale is practically in force in that district.

This, it is stated, will be done in order that the large stocks of coal that the industrial plants and railroads have been accumulating in anticipation of a general strike may be reduced and a reversion to normal conditions obtained.

NEW YORK, March 30.—George F. Baer, chairman of the operators committee of anthracite mine owners has telegraphed to Mitchell from Philadelphia that the operators would meet the miners' committee in this city next Tuesday at 10 a. m. to further discuss the wage scale in the anthracite field.

#### Miners Refuse Arbitration.

The convention declined the offer made by the operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio to submit the wage differences to arbitration. When a coal operator owns mines in different districts the scale must be signed for all properties at same time before any will be allowed to run. The action of the convention will bring out of the mines of the country 500,500 men in the anthracite and bituminous fields. These will remain on a strike until settlements have been signed by their districts or with the individual operators.

### AGREEMENTS HEARD

#### Habeas Corpus Proceedings in Perkins Case Begun.

#### JUDGE'S DECISION RESERVED

#### Arguments Made in New York State Supreme Court Before Justice Greenbaum—Briefs of Opposing Counsel to be Filed.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Arguments on the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of George W. Perkins, former vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, charged in the warrant issued by Magistrate Moss with the larceny of \$48,702 belonging to policyholders of the New York Life, which he advanced to Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, were made today before Justice Greenbaum in the state supreme court. A decision was reserved. Briefs will be filed on Monday by the contending counsel and then Justice Greenbaum will take the matter of the legality of Perkins' arrest under advisement.

#### Only 25,000 Will Work.

The only miners at work Monday will be 25,000 men in New River, Pocahontas, Fairmont and the Central Fields of West Virginia, where an agreement made several days ago will allow the men to continue work until the district convention now in session at Charleston has determined its course of action.

#### WILL RETURN TO WORK.

#### Miners in Pittsburg District Will Work Monday Under 1903 Scale.

PITTSBURG, March 30.—General sentiment in the Pittsburg district of the bituminous coal fields tonight is based upon the news of the action of the miners' convention at Indianapolis, that while a strike is now inevitable in Western Pennsylvania, at least, it will be of short duration. By the adoption of the resolution permitting miners to sign the 1903 wage scale wherever it is offered by the operators, a way is opened for the operation of the Western Pennsylvania mines, 53 per cent of which are controlled by the Pittsburg Coal Company. Dispatches tonight from various points where there has been trouble announce a restoration of the 1903 scale and it is the intention of the striking miners to return to work Monday morning under that scale. It is expected however, that a thirty-day suspension at least will be called in this district.

#### APPLICATION GRANTED.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court today granted the application made yesterday by District Attorney Jerome for a special grand jury to investigate insurance matters. Justice Dowling said he had consulted his associates, and that they agreed as to the advisability of granting Mr. Jerome's request. The special grand jury will be called about May 1.

### NORTHERN PACIFIC STARTS BUILDING EXTENSION

SPOKANE, March 30.—The Northern Pacific will have a joint line from Pasco to Riparia, this will give the Northern Pacific a water grade from Portland to Stites, Idaho, and it presumed this new work is a link in the construction of the Missoula-Lewiston cut-off.